

HOUSE BILL 851

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By: **Delegate Conaway**

Introduced and read first time: February 9, 2012

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Laws – Registration Fees – Payment Plans**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing the deferral of payment of a certain portion of a fee for
4 the registration of vehicles in certain vehicle classifications subject to certain
5 requirements; requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration to register or renew
6 the registration of a vehicle of an applicant who pays the registration fee in
7 accordance with this Act; authorizing the Administration to revoke the
8 registration of the vehicle of a certain person who fails to pay the vehicle
9 registration fee in accordance with certain requirements; requiring the
10 Administration to adopt regulations to implement this Act; providing for the
11 termination of this Act; and generally relating to vehicle registration and
12 payment of fees for vehicle registration.

13 BY adding to

14 Article – Transportation
15 Section 13–901.1
16 Annotated Code of Maryland
17 (2009 Replacement Volume and 2011 Supplement)

18 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
19 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

20 **Article – Transportation**

21 **13–901.1.**

22 **(A) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF THIS TITLE, A**
23 **PERSON WHO APPLIES TO REGISTER OR RENEW THE REGISTRATION OF A**
24 **MOTOR VEHICLE MAY DEFER ONE–HALF OF THE REQUIRED REGISTRATION FEE**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 AS PROVIDED IN THIS SECTION IF THE MOTOR VEHICLE IS IN ONE OF THE
2 FOLLOWING VEHICLE CLASSIFICATIONS:

3 (1) CLASS A (PASSENGER) VEHICLE;

4 (2) CLASS D (MOTORCYCLE) VEHICLE;

5 (3) CLASS E (TRUCK) VEHICLE REGISTERED OR CAPABLE OF
6 BEING REGISTERED UNDER § 13-917 OF THIS SUBTITLE; AND

7 (4) CLASS M (MULTIPURPOSE) VEHICLE.

8 (B) BEFORE THE ISSUANCE OR RENEWAL OF THE REGISTRATION OF A
9 VEHICLE IN A CLASS SPECIFIED IN SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION, AN
10 APPLICANT MAY PAY:

11 (1) ONE-HALF OF THE REQUIRED REGISTRATION FEE AT THE
12 TIME OF APPLICATION; AND

13 (2) THE BALANCE OF THE REQUIRED FEE WITHIN 12 MONTHS
14 AFTER THE REGISTRATION APPLICATION DATE.

15 (C) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL REGISTER OR RENEW THE
16 REGISTRATION OF A VEHICLE AS REQUIRED BY THIS TITLE IF THE APPLICANT:

17 (1) PAYS ONE-HALF OF THE REGISTRATION FEE AT THE TIME OF
18 APPLICATION; AND

19 (2) AGREES TO AND ARRANGES WITH THE ADMINISTRATION TO
20 COMPLETE PAYMENT OF THE ENTIRE REGISTRATION FEE WITHIN 12 MONTHS
21 AFTER THE APPLICATION DATE IN ACCORDANCE WITH A PAYMENT PLAN
22 APPROVED BY THE ADMINISTRATION.

23 (D) THE ADMINISTRATION MAY REVOKE THE REGISTRATION OF A
24 VEHICLE SUBJECT TO A PAYMENT PLAN UNDER THIS SECTION IF THE
25 REGISTERED OWNER FAILS TO PAY THE BALANCE OF THE REGISTRATION FEE IN
26 ACCORDANCE WITH THE APPROVED PAYMENT PLAN.

27 (E) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO IMPLEMENT
28 THIS SECTION.

29 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
30 October 1, 2012. It shall remain effective for a period of 3 years and, at the end of

1 September 30, 2015, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act
2 shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.